

Torrance, California
August 9, 1938

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday evening, August 9, 1938 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll , those answering present being Councilmen: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, and Tolson. Absent: Councilman: Powell.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held July 26, 1938 be approved as written. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication from the Crown Oil and Refining Company was read, applying for a permit for the erection of a \$3,500.00 oil cleaning and topping plant on Lot 6 of the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company Industrial Tract No. 10185.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request for the permit be granted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

An invitation from the City of Maywood to the dedication of a federal building on August 13, 1938 was read. No action was taken.

A communication was read from the Southern California Gas Company, enclosing check for \$.45 in payment of pipe line laid under Los Angeles County Franchise Ordinance No. 463 during the period from January 1, 1938 to June 30, 1938 inclusive.

A communication was read from the City of Redondo Beach, referring to the Alondro Park assessment district. The communication was referred to the City Attorney for investigation and report at the next meeting.

A communication was read from the City of Gardena, advising that the offer of the City of Torrance for payment of three years' rental for one of the fire hydrants installed on Redondo Beach Boulevard had been accepted.

A communication was read from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, recommending that there be included in the proposed budget for development of a recreation center funds for an addition to the Chamber of Commerce building.

Since this could only be done by submitting an additional application to the Public Works Administration, involving a great deal of technical work, the matter was held over until the next meeting.

A communication was read from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, requesting an appropriation of \$600.00 to cover cost of 5000 extra copies of "Torrance-On-The-Air" edition, including wrapping, addressing and mailing at 10¢ each.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$600.00 be made for this purpose, to be paid from the advertising fund. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

A communication was read from Mr. M.R. Overholt, seeking an option on the dirt on City property for thirty days. No action was taken.

A statement of service for the fiscal year 1937-38 was read from the County of Los Angeles Public Library, covering both the Torrance and WALTERIA branch libraries.

Clerk Bartlett read the City of Torrance Valuations received from the County Auditor as follows: Act of 1927 Municipal Improvement District #1: \$1,834, 760.00; Tax District No. 1: \$9,484,850.00; Tax District No. 2: \$11,015,250.00.

A communication was read from Mr. J.M. Minor, tendering his resignation as playground director of the WALTERIA Recreation Department.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the resignation be accepted as of August 15, 1938. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from J.D. Trigg, requesting that he be notified in the event an ordinance regulating and licensing card games is adopted.

Applications for licenses to operate card rooms in the City of Torrance were read from L.O. Roberts and Herbert J. Steele. Councilman Hitchcock moved that the requests for licenses be refused. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 305

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
FIXING THE TAX RATES AND LEVYING TAXES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1938.

Councilman Murray moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 305 be suspended. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Ordinance No. 305 be adopted for first reading. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 306

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING BUILDING LINES
ALONG CERTAIN PORTIONS OF ARLINGTON AVENUE,
FROM REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD TO 190TH STREET
IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Ordinance No. 306 be adopted, for first reading. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Powell.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1210

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE FIRM
OFO'MELVENY, TULLER AND MYERS IN CONNECTION
WITH THE CALLING OF AN ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE
THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE ACQUISITION AND
CONSTRUCTION OF A MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL, BATH
HOUSE, TUNNEL APPROACH AND ENCLOSING FENCES,
MUNICIPAL RECREATIONAL BUILDING, TENNIS COURT,
COMMUNITY HOUSE, RECREATIONAL BUILDING AND
LIBRARY WITH TENNIS COURT AND PLAYGROUNDS IN
WALTERIA, TORRANCE, AND IN CONNECTION WITH
THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF ANY OR ALL OF SAID
BONDS.

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1210 be adopted. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1211

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF GARBAGE CONTRACT WITH LUTHER ANDREWS FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS BEGINNING ON THE FIRST DAY OF AUGUST, 1938, AND ENDING ON THE 31st DAY OF JULY, 1941.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1211 be adopted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

Mr. Young asked for authorization to submit an application to the Works Progress Administration for re-opening of the center line of survey project under a set up allowing a wider scope of activity.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Engineer Young be authorized to execute an application of this nature.

Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Young reported that he had received communications from the State Division of Highways, outlining the proposed work on Hawthorne Boulevard in the vicinity of 190th Street, giving an estimate of \$206.80 for the project, said sum to be paid from the 1/4-Cent Gasoline Tax Fund.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the State Division of Highways be authorized to proceed with the work outlined.

Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

After a little explanation by Mr. Young as to the materials necessary and the work involved in putting in the sewer on Llewlyn Street, Councilman McGuire moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$475.00 be made for the installation of said sewer. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$303.50 be made for the construction of a dyke at the City Dump. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$121.40 be made for street work on 237th Street between Narbonne avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

Councilman Hitchcock presented several requests submitted by the Walteria Improvement Association and made the following recommendations.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that not to exceed \$124.00 be appropriated for street signs in Walteria. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

Councilman Hitchcock suggested that the City Engineer be authorized to change the name of a certain street which has at the present time three names, Ellis Street, Newton Street and Redondo-Wilmington Boulevard. Upon being informed by Clerk

Bartlett that certain procedure is necessary in changing street names, it was decided to refer the matter to the City Engineer for investigation and report at the next meeting.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an overhead street light be installed at 240th Street and Ward Street. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES, COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Powell.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$78.28 made for the purchase of two fire hydrant heads for the Water Department. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$488.20 be made for 500' 6" Cast Iron Pipe and two cast iron tees for the Water Department. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$83.28 be made for the purchase of three 6" gate valves for the Water Department. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Powell.

Mayor Tolson stated that Taylor and Taylor, water engineers, had been contacted in reference to surveying the north Torrance district with the idea of submitting an application to the Works Progress Administration for a water system. After a little discussion, Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$200.00 be made for a water survey of the North Torrance district by Taylor and Taylor. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

At 8:33 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman McGuire, the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, August 16, 1938 at 7:45 P.M.


City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:


Mayor of the City of Torrance